

Jesus' Later Galilean Ministry, Part 1
AM Service Mark 3:7-19 April 18, 2021

Introduction

What are the main characteristics of the Gospel of Mark?

1. Mark emphasizes Jesus' actions more than His teaching.
2. Mark's writing style is vivid, forceful, and descriptive, reflecting an eyewitness source such as Peter.
3. Mark portrayed his subjects with unusual candor.
4. Mark's Gospel is dominated by Jesus' movement toward the Cross and the Resurrection.

Mark 1:1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Gospel – euangelion – good news

- * the message given by Jesus and
- * the message about Jesus.

The Preparation for Jesus' Public Ministry 1:1-13

We saw three events that were part of His preparation for public ministry:

1. His coming is announced – John the Baptist
2. His ministry is affirmed by God - Baptism
3. His character is validated – temptation by Satan

Jesus' Early Galilean Ministry (1:14 – 3:6)

Introductory summary: Jesus' message - 1:14-15

Jesus' call of four fishermen – 1:16-20

Jesus' authority over demons and disease (1:21-45)

1. Jesus Casts Out Unclean Spirit (1:21-28)
2. Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed (1:29-31)

3. Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset

4. Withdrawal for Prayer and a Preaching Tour in Galilee (35-39)

5. Cleansing of a Leper (40-45)

Jesus' controversies with Jewish religious leaders in Galilee (2:1–3:5)

1. Jesus Forgives and Heals Paralytic 2:1-12

2. Matthew the Tax Collector 2:13-17

3. Jesus Questioned About Fasting 2:18-22

4. Jesus - Lord of the Sabbath 2:23-28

5. Healing on the Sabbath 3:1-5

The Pharisees are looking for a reason to accuse Jesus.

The Encounter

- a. Jesus challenges their Sabbath views.
- b. Jesus is angry and grieved.
- c. Jesus heals the man.

Jesus' Rejection by the Pharisees 3:6

The Alliance

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1. Introductory summary: Jesus' activity around the Sea of Galilee (3:7–12)
2. Jesus' appointment of the Twelve (3:13–19)
3. The Beelzebul accusation and Jesus' identity of His true family (3:20–35)
4. Jesus' parables depicting the character of God's kingdom (4:1–34)
5. Jesus' miracles demonstrating His sovereign power (4:35–5:43)
6. Conclusion: Jesus' rejection at Nazareth (6:1–6a)

Introductory summary: Jesus' activity around the Sea of Galilee (3:7–12)

Jesus is popular with the ordinary people.

1. One for all, all for one.
2. People came from all over to see Jesus.
3. The intensity of the crowds necessitated a creative solution.

Jesus heals the sick and casts out demons.

1. Jesus heals the sick.
2. Jesus casts out demons.

3. Conclusion

We see in these verses the continuing emphasis on “the Messianic Secret” in Mark.

Jesus, by word and deed, is fully revealed as the Messiah early in Mark, but because of the misunderstanding of (1) the Jewish leadership (i.e. Messiah as national hero restoring Israel to world prominence) and (2) the crowd (i.e. Messiah as miracle worker), Jesus admonishes demons and others not to broadcast their knowledge of Him.

The gospel is only finished after His life, death, and resurrection.

Jesus’ appointment of the Twelve (3:13–19)

Jesus appoints the Twelve.

Jesus commissions the Twelve.

He chose them so -

1. They could be with Him

2. They could be sent out by Him
 - * to preach
 - * to have power

The Twelve

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

What have we learned and what should we do?

1. Jesus was a controversial figure.

Which are you?

1. A fascinated observer
2. A scoffing skeptic
3. A true believer

John 20:30-31

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

2. You can know who Jesus is but not be a believer.

1 Tim 4:10...we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

3. God’s Word is our foundation.